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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
United States Senate
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Senator Landrieu:

The sugarcane farmers and processors of Louisiana appreciate your tireless efforts to convince Congress and the White House to address the devastating losses incurred by working farmers as a result of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, as well as other natural disasters that have affected growers throughout America.

Hurricanes bring many forms of destruction when they make landfall and Louisiana's farmers are dealing with varying mixtures of wind damage, excessive rain, flooding, sea surge. While our cane farmers experienced all aspects of the storms, we know that our friends in rice, cotton, sweet potato and other vital parts of the state's agricultural economy have also experienced grave losses that threaten to escalate into a storm of financial devastation for our farmers and our communities.

While our growers are in the fields, conditioning the soil and planting cane, they know that you are working for them in Washington this weekend, trying to raise awareness of the crop disasters facing all of Louisiana agriculture. But we know that Louisiana is not alone in dealing with such devastation and we applaud your efforts to reach out to the Members of other States that were pounded by storms or parched by drought.

Louisiana's sugarcane growers and processors thank you for being a champion for your farmers. We appreciate your tireless and timely efforts to bring financial relief to the agricultural producers who feed and clothe millions of other distressed shareholders in the American dream.

Jim Simon, General Manager
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